

VERTICAL PROSECUTION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Component: 50.30.503, 40.30.503

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Vertical Prosecution is a proven program model, which involves the use of highly experienced and skilled prosecutors who carry a reduced caseload of specific types of serious criminal cases from the filing of the case through sentencing. As resources allow, it is recommended that a vertical prosecution team consist of a senior prosecutor, experienced investigator, and a victim's advocate working together to improve case outcomes.

Changes to this program have resulted in the combining of former separately funded vertical prosecution categories. This allows for more flexibility locally and counties can choose to select one or more of the following program areas pursuant to California Penal Code § 999q to 999y Child Abuse Vertical Prosecution Program; Statutory Rape Vertical Prosecution Program; Elder Abuse Vertical Prosecution Program; Major Narcotic Vendor Prosecution Program; and Career Criminal Prosecution Program.

In FY 2009/10, the State General Fund was replaced as the funding source by the Local Safety and Protection Account (LSPA).

Cal EMA has recently been informed that the estimated amount generated in LSPA funds for FY 2009/2010 is significantly less than the \$55 million anticipated. The Department of Finance recently estimated LSPA funds for FY 2009/2010 in the range of \$35 - \$39 million; or slightly more than two-thirds of what was originally estimated. Unfortunately, this program was put into grant award agreement utilizing the \$55 million LSPA amount. At this time, Cal EMA does not have any information concerning the availability of funds for the above referenced programs for FY 2010/2011.

FUNDS AWARDED

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2008/09	State General Fund FY 2008	\$ 8,491,993
	Local Safety & Protection Account (LSPA) FY 2008	\$ 3,288,030
FY 2009/10	Local Safety & Protection Account (LSPA) FY 2009	\$ 14,029,000
FY 2010/11		Unknown

2008/09 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

<u>3,504</u>	New cases referred to the Vertical Prosecution Unit (VPU).
<u>1,719</u>	Cases filed (accepted) by the VPU.
<u>1,656</u>	Cases completed through sentencing.

2009/10 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

2010/11 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available